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Re

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/928,304 for AIR BLOWN FIBER (ABF) CABLE WITH LOW COMPOSITE COEFFICIENT OF THERMAL EXPANSION

Our File No. 158/71

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- 1. A Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts (2 pages);
- 2. An executed Declaration (5 pages);
- 3. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts (2 pages);
- 4. An executed Assignment (5 pages);
- 5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet (Form PTO-1595, 2 pages);
- 6. A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (2 pages);
- 7. A check in the amount of \$1,610.00; and
- 8. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to our offices with the U.S. Patent and Trademark filing stamp thereon.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
 - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

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This is responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated September 28, 2001, having a term that expired on November 28, 2001. A Petition for a 4-month Extension of Time up to and including March 28, 2002 is enclosed. Accordingly, please find enclosed the following:

- 1. An executed Declaration for the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application;
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